



# Just Simmer



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Cecil Fielding watched the last of her students left the class she started to clean up, she walked around her room putting dishes away. She picked up her bag and went out to the packing lot it was sunny and warm she waved at some of the cleaning crew coming to work

“Hey, who is that” Isaac asked as he unloaded the chemicals from the truck

“That is Miss. Cecil Fielding, St. Anna’s cooking teaching” Jayson said as he helped unloading the wagon with supplies they started toward the building “she is a really good cook; she fixed up a chicken fettuccine for the crew” he kissed his fingers

Isaac thought about all the problems he’d had with Casey she was beautiful charming sexy everything he thought he had been looking for now eight years later, he was alone now finally having had enough of her spoiled, selfish, attitude she became pregnant and then decided to tell him that she had been seeing some one else, it had been a long time sense he felt like he wanted to get to know a different kind of woman, later on he went through the routine of fixing dinner for himself

Cecil was out with some friends Reilly and Morgan, Ayllah they sat having drinks and enjoying dinner, trying to forget Douglas

“So your going to take time off to set things in order for your fathers will”

“Yes, I’m taking six months off, but this is during the summer so” she sipped her daiquiri

Are you up for a card game Saturday?

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Cecil nodded “Is there any

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Morgan smiled at her friend "I'll bring the ingredients tomorrow I'll call you later about what I want to fix"

Reilly leaned back "is their going to be any single men there?"

Morgan grinned and stood up "yes" her phone rung "I'll see you tonight"

They waved at her as she left, it was Reilly who paid for the food and drink they all left the restaurant and walked out to the cars

In the car Morgan glance at Cecil "you have to get out and relax girl you have money now"

"I know, I just have to figure out if I'm going to stay at the school or fix up the café and run that"

"I say run your own business"

Cecil was leave the school the next day around the same time when she notice the cleaning crew she went over to them, she walked over to a man unloading the truck

"I left you guys some desert in the lounge"

Isaac turned and smiled "thank you"

She took a step back "I'm sorry, I thought you were some one else" she turned and started to walk away

"Wait" he rushed to catch up with her "I'm Isaac Burton, I was told you left nice food for my men" he stared down at her

She put her hand up to her forehead he was tall and handsome she frowned a little

He glanced over at his men she smelled good, he looked over her she was totally the opposite she short and pretty "are you free for coffee later on"

Cecil was shocked "uh, yes what time?"

He looked at his watch "I should be home by six"

"Meet me at Cal's" she turned and ran into the kitchen watching her

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Isaac went over to his truck

Jayson came into the class that his boss and friend was cleaning “she is a good person; she is a friend of my woman, Ayllah”

Isaac glanced at him he got the drifted of what he was saying and nodded

Jayson could see that Isaac didn’t need to be told twice; he walked out and went back to his job

Isaac hurried home showered and changed he got to the café he could see Cecil drinking what looked like tea and reading a book

Cecil looked up from the book

The first thing Isaac noticed was her eyes light brown sparkling he pulled out a chair and sat down across from her

The waitress came over and took his order

“So why are you single?” he asked after he placed his order

“Because I haven’t found what I’m looking for” she said as she picked up her cup she was uncomfortable with the way he was staring at her he had the most unusual eye color grayest blue

“Oh, so you just want to stay single?” he said as waitress brought over his coffee

She smiled at him and slid her hand over her arm “are you single?”

“Yes, but I do have a lot of female friends” he saw the way her eyes changed “but that doesn’t affect the way .....

“Right” she looked at her watch

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They both let the silence stretch and she was mad “I have female friends because I have fou

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She still stared at him

“Cecil, I just want you to know I’m loyal, I don’t run from woman to woman I will give you my full attention” he looked in her eyes then her lips as she licked them

“Tell me about you family” she looked at her book so she could control the feeling she felt at just sitting across from him

He smiled at her, she was opening the door and he was stepping through they talked about his mother and her charity, his four sisters and three brothers she told about being the only child her mother and father how her mother passed away and her father who was a chef and they ate dinner together every other Sunday until his passing a couple of months ago, he walked her out to her car “so are we .....?”

“Let’s go slow” she opened her car door and got in

Later in the week Isaac was hanging out at his brother Keith and Jayson watching the football halftime Jayson glanced at Isaac “so how are you and the teacher doing?”

Isaac tried to keep the smile off his face “she’s fine” he picked up his beer

“So she hasn’t fell in love yet?” he asked as he ate some popcorn

He looked at his Jayson all the brothers looked like twins so he grew serious “what does that mean”

“You know that you have the women looking in your baby blues man”

“I don’t know what it is about her she’s quiet but we have fun we play laser tag, and go to movies we hop around in different seats I didn’t think she would be that much fun” he laughed when he remembered some of things she has done.

“I can’t wait until the family meets her, I met her at the school she’s a good cook did you tell mom yet?”

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Keith shook his head “is that why she’s leaving?”

Isaac came in the room “what are you talking about?” he frowned

“What we heard was that she was dating with other teacher he cheated on her” Jayson said as he looked at his brother

Isaac sat down slowly that was why she was leaving the school “who was the other person?”

“Miss. Pennington the assistant principle” Jayson watched his brother the looked on his face meant something was wrong

Later on Isaac was at home he’d called Cecil but she said that she was busy and that she would see him at eight and that she needed to talk to him about something he poured himself a drink and started thinking

Cecil moved the last of her things in to the storage she couldn’t believe Douglas was doing this she walked up to the front of the storage company out to her car as she drove she wiped the tears away she called Isaac

Isaac had decided to warm up some soup he sat the table still wondering what she had to say; the phone rung in the living room “hello, CeCe”

“Hey, I just wanted let you know I’ll be there in a minute” she said as she turned with the traffic

“okay” it was something was wrong he hung up, rubbing his hands together he looked outside

Cecil parked and walked up to Isaac he restored his house from the bottom up she liked from the moment she saw it the door opened as she walked up the stairs

Isaac held the door open for her as she walked pass she kissed his cheek that made his whole day he closed his eyes “are you alright?”

She sat down she glanced at the lamp and the candles and food she stood up slowly

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“Let’s talk over dinner” he said

She sat down and smiled she'd never had any man treat her like this

He served their dinner and moved his place mat closer to her and sat down "so tell me what's up"

She tasted her jambalaya and closed her eyes "this is really good, baby...I mean"

Isaac grinned at her he ate his food she still looked sad

"My ex and I shared a condo he sold the place behind my back today I got home to find him moving his things out and him handing me a check for my half of the apartment" she wiped the side of her mouth then sipped her wine he'd poured her favorite

He touched her hand "are you sad about it or happy it's over?"

She smiled and pulled her hand away "I happy that I'm free of him I had to talk to Gloria in order to make it happen"

He realized what she did his smiled widen, she'd already told him that Douglas won't sale the condo no matter how much she asked "so you had to get Gloria to talk to him"

She held up her glass "it worked"

He touched glasses with her "the end of the school year is coming up I will have my men and I go over to your father's restaurant and check it out"

Tears came to her eyes she stood up and kissed him with everything in her

He was hungry for her he pulled her to him

"with the lawyer holding up the money I didn't know how I was going to get someone to inspect the place," she looked up at him "thank you" she kissed him again

They moved to the couch he laid to the side of her their tongues met he felt his heart beating next to hers he rose up and looked at her

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She looked up in his eyes "I'm falling in love but this feels different" she was shaking "I'm falling in love but this feels different"

He sat next to her “let me warm dinner up” he went in the kitchen he didn’t know what to say to her

Cecil noticed during the rest of the dinner they talked and laughed but it was different she didn’t tell him she was staying in a hotel she left and went there she looked around her place and sat on the bed she shouldn’t have told him she was falling for him

They talked off and on during the days, he had to work far away and she was working in her father office trying to straighten out his books he’s called once to let her know when his crew would be there he wanted to say more but every time he heard her voice he wanted more of her

Before she could say anything he hung up, Cecil was in her father’s office when Isaac and his brothers came by

Reilly stared at his handsome men that walking into the restaurant she smiled and went to the office and knocked on the door

“Come in”

“Cee, theirs some guys out here to see you”

Cecil looked at her watch touch her hair fixed her express as she walked out in to the front “hello, you guy’s thank you for coming”

Jayson frowned at her “Cecil, what is wrong with you?”

She smiled at him “No, Jay I just think we should keep things business like” she went to the kitchen, after we do the walk through how long will it take for an esteem of price” she asked as turned to Isaac

He looked in her eyes but she turned and started down the basement steps, “we take a walk

through the areas you want cleaned out, I’ll call you later in the week

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“You don’t have to do that I’ll give you my card and you can call me if you need it I’ll both have confirmations of what I want done”

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“CeCe, the airport is on the phone” she said as she looked around the basement

She went to the stairs she handed Reilly the clipboard "excuse me"

While his brothers looked around the empty basement, Isaac wanted to know where Cecil was going he asked her friend "What's up with Cecil?"

Reilly cut her eyes at him "come up stairs when your done here the kitchen is the most important room she wants a barrier block put down here" she went upstairs

Cecil was on her way to the kitchen when she saw other car pull up when Carlos stepped and fixed his suite she smiled and went out to greet him

Reilly came out to the kitchen only to find Cecil out front to talking to Carlos she went outside

Isaac came out of the kitchen in time to see some big guy hug his woman he raced out the restaurant and pushed him "who do you think you are?"

Carlos frowned and came back at him "what the fuck!!!!!!" Cecil and Reilly jumped in the middle

"Isaac, what are you doing this is my brother" she shouted at him angrily as his brothers pulled him inside

Reilly had her arms around Carlos talking to him but it barely work he picked her up to move her to the side she grabbed his face to keep his attention

Isaac stared at the tears in Cecil's eyes she pulled away from his brother Jonathan and went outside to her brother he stared at them as she talked to him he turned away then nodded Isaac watched him not knowing what the other her brother was going to do, When he said something to her she tried to turn away he grabbed her "Fucked that" he went outside "don't touch her like that, I don't care who you are"

Carlos looked at his step sister and smiled "seem like this little guy cares som' fo' you"

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to meet”

Isaac looked him in the eyes “I’m sorry I over reacted; I’m Isaac Burton and these are my brothers Jayson, Jonathan and Keith” he turned and glanced at them

Carlos had no fear he smiled big and wide “I’m Carlos Fielding and lil’ Cece is my only sister we have the same father”

“I’m the guy in love with your lil’ sister” he grinned at him

Suddenly he stopped smiling “I asked her about you and she looks sad so you either fixed this” he moved closer “or I’m going to tear you world up” he stared in his eyes

Isaac watched Cece’s brother gently opened the door for Reilly and closed it and walked around to his side of the jeep and got in and drove away, Isaac had no doubt Carlos meant what he said he went over to the door and rung the buzz until she came out she came out was carrying files she shook her head as she locked up the restaurant

“Cece will you please talk to me”

“Isaac, I’ll not going to play games with you; I have to go” she tried go around him pushing her hair over her shoulder

He stepped in her way “I know I didn’t call you I’m sorry” he said as he followed her to car she opened the door “wait a minute Cece, baby” he held her door

“I told you when we mat that I don’t want to play games” she was starting to feel emotional she looked in his gray-blues eyes “I have feelings for you; but I need time, excuse me” she pulled the door away from him and got in

Later on Isaac was in his office his fear was getting in the way, He tried to find out where she went his brother Jayson put Ayllah on the phone

Ayllah snacked her lips “Cecil is hurt her father passed away Douglas cheats on her give her time Isaac”

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Isaac sighed and leaned back in his chair, he sat forward and looked at the pictures of them at the park and with family and friends school was out no was

talk

Jayden started to feel sorry for his brother they started the job on Restaurant but found that Cecil had a management take over the restoration they asked where she was only to be told she was out of town

When Cecil return she was rested and rich she called her Reilly to let her know she was on her way over; Ayllah, Reilly told her was already there

Ayllah was happy she got up and went to the kitchen for more coffee "what's going to happen when Isaac finds out she's back?"

Reilly rolled her eyes "I just wished I was the fly on that wall" the door bell rung

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